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Blast Slave Prison Labor

Labor and the building industry have joined to fight a trend in which county officials are seeking to do public building work with prison labor and under-cut established building trades wage rates. Suits filed by the state and local building trades councils in three cases are being watched with interest by building tradesmen throughout the state.

"Slave prison labor is one part of the Communist system that is most revolting to the American people, and its use by local county administrators in this country is a blot that must be wiped out," declared P. H. McCarthy, Jr., chief counsel for the State Building and Construction Trades Council, sent in by Council Pres. Frank Lawrence to assist in these cases.

M. C. Wagner, business agent of Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, has filed suit as a taxpayer and an individual against the county, questioning its right to construction of a \$40,000 courthouse, firehouse and jail without letting it out to bids by contractors.

COVER-UP SHOWN

He points to government code provisions requiring that work in excess of \$2,000 must be let out for bid. He also charges the Board of Supervisors with fraud in that in their preliminary and final budgets they set up the work involved under the title "Payment to Contractors." State law requires full publicity before a budget is adopted, so that interested parties may appear, but no one contested the innocent subject of "payment to contractors."

The county is attempting to put up the building with prison labor, and a second suit has been filed challenging the right to do this work with prison labor.

"This suit is the first step in ridding this taint of Stalinism from the economy of this state," McCarthy declared. "No state dedicated to the principles of free enterprise can countenance the use of prison labor on work that should be performed by its free citizens."

In a third suit, in which the plaintiff is Truman Jennings, a journeyman electrician, the Board of Directors of the Strathmore Public Utilities District (23 miles out of Visalia) is charged with pre-determining a wage rate substantially below that of the AGC and prevailing rates of the area. Common labor is paid \$1 per hour.

The action was brought to set aside the wage rate as a violation of the labor code and to declare void the contract of a non-union contractor on a job in that district. Two contractors involved also are named as defendants, to stop the job, a sewage disposal plant.

All three actions have the vigorous backing of the Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, the State Council, and the Tulare County Builders Exchange.

STATEWIDE INTEREST

Interest is focused on the suits because of the statewide concern over the use of prison labor on building work, emphasized at recent conventions of the State Federation of Labor and the State Building Trades Council. Suit has been filed despite the fact that Attorney General Howser recently issued an opinion justifying use of prison labor by Tulare County. Similar situations have arisen in several other counties up and down the state, and these cases will establish precedents of interest and value to all sections of the state.

The prison labor move is a wage-cutting try, and that of ignoring established wage rates in an area is also wage-cutting, it is pointed out.

Judge Frank Lamberson, judge of the Superior Court, issued orders to show cause, in each case, returnable Dec. 20, ordering the defendants to show cause why temporary injunctions should not be issued against them. With public accounts involved, the court actions have served to stop the work.

Plumbers Probe Pipe Jurisdiction

A minor dispute regarding jurisdiction over men handling and repairing evaporators and pipe coils at the Moss Landing project for P. G. & E. Co. was referred last week by Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas to the international union office for study.

Business Manager John E. Turnbow of Local 503 said his union and the Boilermakers Union are both claiming the jurisdiction. The work is being done by either union pending decision, it was reported.

FIRE PREVENTION, CLEAN-UP WEEK PLANNING STARTS

Members of the Salinas area Fire Prevention Week Committee, which also directs the Salinas "Clean Up, Fix Up and Paint Up Week" program, met last week to make preliminary plans for the two special weeks.

Steps will be taken to get more labor unions interested in the programs and on the committee, it was agreed. Painters Union 1104 and the Painting Contractors Assn. of Salinas are active in the committee programs.

Carl Lara, secretary of Local 1104, said that the group devoted much of its meeting to discussion of last year's "weeks" and to study of written reports by various groups on their portion of the campaigns. Suggestions for the 1950 programs were accepted. Don Buchanan represents the Painting Association on the committees.

Cava, Kincannon Are Off the List

Action of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas last week cleared the Cava's Apartments and the Kincannon Building from the official AFL "we do not patronize" list.

Carl Lara, secretary of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, informed the council that in both instances operators of the buildings had agreed with the union to engage only union painters henceforth.

Building Council Meets in Salinas

Regular meeting of the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council last week was held at the Salinas Carpenters Union 925 headquarters, officials report.

Attendance of Salinas unions was encouraging and steps were taken to iron out differences so that the county-wide council may give more service on a county-wide basis, it was said.

Suggestion that one meeting a month be held in Salinas henceforth is expected to be made at the next council meeting, scheduled for Jan. 5 in Monterey.

Woodward Buys Radiator Shop

A. B. Woodward, business agent for machinists and mechanics in the Salinas area for several years, has purchased the Crowe Radiator Works on North Main Street in Salinas and has resigned his union position, it was announced last week. He is operating the business himself.

Representing members of Machinists-Mechanics Union 1829 at present is Charles Downs, of the San Jose District Lodge of Machinists No. 93, it was reported. Downs is dividing his time between Salinas and San Jose duties, it was said.

Some Sardines Come by Truck

With the fishing fleet forced to travel far south for sardines for the Monterey fish canneries these days, some plants are bringing fish in by truck for processing, union officials said.

Boats and trucks kept most plants in operation a part of last week, it was reported, bringing in a large quantity of good quality sardines.

GOP Woos Eisenhower

Washington.—The National Republican, a pro-Taft propaganda sheet distributed here periodically, carried in its November issue a speech by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, hitting social welfare programs as leading to "centralized control of the management of our society."

Plumbers Lose Traveling Pay To Prison Job

By a vote of 9 to 2, the Joint Conference Board of Plumbers Unions 62 of Monterey and 503 of Salinas and the Master Plumbers Association voted last week to recognize the Fraser Plumbing & Sheet Metal Co. shop at Soledad as a permanent shop, thus rejecting the claim of Local 503 for travel time to the state prison project near Soledad.

The Fraser concern, with head offices at Pasadena, claimed that the shop established at Soledad is to be permanent and asserted that transportation should be considered only from this shop to the job, not from Salinas.

As result of the decision, according to John E. Turnbow, business manager of Local 503, plumbers for the prison project will report to the Fraser shop in Soledad and will be transported to the job site (4 miles) on company time and then back to the shop by the regular quitting time.

County Housing Authority Wins Award of Merit

Receipt of the National Award of Outstanding Merit for 1949 by the Housing Authority of Monterey County was announced last week by J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 and commissioner of management for the local housing group.

The award was presented to Mrs. Eleanor R. Walters, executive director, in Boston last month, McGinley said.

"This is the highest award in the housing field and is much coveted by housing authorities throughout the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico," McGinley stated. The award is granted on the basis of the housing authority's interpretation of its activities to the community in which it operates.

"We feel that if the public understands the program and what we are trying to do through our efforts, there will be no objection on anyone's part to future low-income housing," McGinley added.

Week-end Painting Pushed at PG&E Job

Painting of the interior and ceiling of the buildings housing the huge cranes of Contractors Stone & Webster, building the big P. G. & E. generating plant at Moss Landing, is being done on weekends under special permission from Painters Union 1104, according to Carl Lara, union business agent. Such work cannot be done during regular working hours.

Two members of Painters Union 1104 donated time and labor for painting of the big Christmas tree at the labor council's Christmas Party for kiddies last Saturday. The big tree was sprayed a pretty blue by Roy Hearn and Otis Sleeper.

Carpenter Gets Good Xmas News

William V. Barr, member of Salinas Union 925 who suffered a shattered arm in an automobile mishap last July, received some good news in time for Christmas—he will recover the use of his arm and no amputation will be necessary, as at first feared.

Bro. Barr, whose cheerfulness and philosophical attitude since the accident have been acclaimed by his many friends, was informed by his physicians and specialists that a series of operations would probably restore the arm to near its former condition within a few more months.

Picket Violation Termed Unfounded

Reports that Ronald Vining, operator of the Vining Meat Market, 423 Alvarado St., Monterey, was violating a picket line established by Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, are unfounded, according to George L. Rice, secretary of Local 483.

Rice said that Butchers Union 506, of which Vining is a member, has investigated the reports and informed Local 483 that their is no foundation for the charge. The Vining Meat Market is under contract with Local 506.

AFL Men Listen to World Labor Debate



London.—AFL Vice-Presidents W. C. Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers, and George M. Harrison, president Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, with George P. Delaney, AFL international representative, left to right, listen to opening debate at International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

GREETINGS

The Santa Cruz Central Labor Council wishes to take the opportunity of wishing, through the columns of its official newspaper, the Labor Journal, a very Merry Christmas to all of the rank and file members of its affiliated local unions.

Our union membership is a valuable heritage which is still ours despite all efforts which have been made to deprive us of it.

It is our hope that progress will continue to make our lot easier and our way of life better.

—GEORGE L. HARRISON, President
—THOS. H. DEANE, Secretary

A Strong Program for Jobs—

DEVELOP STATE'S NEEDS, RESOURCES, GOVERNOR IS TOLD

Rouse California into action on projects vitally needed in its new, post-war status, and at the same time produce jobs badly needed to keep its inflated population gainfully employed, Governor Warren was advised by a strong conference of business, labor and civic leaders in the state's capital on December 7, 8.

Public works, construction, civic needs, private building needs, and other projects that are or may be lagging for one reason or another should get immediate stimulus from our state government to get them moving, improve the state's outlook, and put men to work, the conference declared.

Although Governor Warren didn't put the matter for action at the special session called for Dec. 13, he indicated his deep concern for the problems outlined at this conference, and it was felt likely that beneficial results will be forthcoming from the statewide gathering, 600,000 UNEMPLOYED.

Labor participated actively in the various panel discussions at the conference, many of its recommendations becoming part of the final program adopted. They pointed to the likelihood that more than 600,000 will be unemployed in the state by spring, and asked for the following program:

Expanded social security at both state and national levels. Continued and expanded public works program, with aid to localities by both state and federal agencies.

Full use by localities of existing legislation, particularly in the field of housing. Encouragement of free collective bargaining in order to maintain industrial peace and bring about higher wages and greater productivity.

Support for the Maritime Commission's plan to repair 134 ships in the reserve fleets.

Other proposals made by the general conference were: Develop new industries in the state.

Reduce freight rates so it won't cost so much to ship California products east.

Reduce and eventually eliminate importation of Mexican nationals for farm work.

Reduce taxes on new businesses to provide more incentive for expansion.

Aid urgently-needed building projects for public health and welfare and also those needed to expand business and industry.

State and federal aid to communities to build new water supply systems.

Increase the coverage, duration, and amount of unemployment insurance to improve the ability of workers to adjust to changing job opportunities.

STATE COMMITTEE The conference recommended that the Governor appoint a statewide standing committee of representative leaders of management and labor to study the history of successful industrial relations in the state for the purpose of applying the benefits thereof to labor relations by making its findings available to community or regional groups.

It urged that representative leaders of management and labor be urged to collaborate on a community or regional basis in the management-labor conferences, such conferences to convene at regular intervals to consider timely problems affecting the opportunities for employment in the area and in the state.

Hold Half-Price Sale

New York.—The Workers Education Bureau of the AFL, 1440 Broadway, is offering all of its publications at half price until Christmas preparatory to moving the stock to Washington early in 1950.

UNION SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND IN DIRECTORY CHANGES

With year-end elections now taking place and with other changes in officers, office addresses and telephone numbers made in recent months, this is a good time for union secretaries to look at the listing of their union in our union directory to see if all information carried there is correct.

Please send in any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers or meeting times, or any other corrections. Do this now, so that the listing for your union will be correct as the new year is begun.

A correct union directory is a big help in making the local labor movement more efficient and effective toward the goals for which we are all striving.

Interest High In Culinary Union Ballot

With contests for every position except president, interest in the election of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas this week is unusually high. Balloting was scheduled for Tuesday at the union headquarters, during which the union is having "open house" for members and friends.

Two candidates oppose Secretary Bertha A. Boles, veteran incumbent, and two complete slates were nominated for every position in one

NO MEET NEXT WEEK

Regular night meeting of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas scheduled for Monday, December 26, has been cancelled, due to the holidays. Next meeting is Monday afternoon, January 9.

of the liveliest elections in Salinas in many years, with nearly all candidates waging campaigns.

Nominees included:

For President: Al Meeks.
For Vice President: Tina Moore and Emmett Guess.

For Recording Secretary: Gertrude McCrane and Mildred Roxas.
For Secretary-Business Agent: Bertha A. Boles, Norman Pederson and Mrs. Neville Twigg.

For Trustees: Eileen Abbott, Beulah Kassing and Vern Tansy.
For Executive Board (3): Ruby Johnson, Melvin Masingale, John Ziebert, Alberta Tansy, Maxine Miller, Alice McDonald.

For local joint executive board (3): Bertha Boles, Al Meeks, Tina Moore, Ventura Vilagran and Norman Pederson.

Insurance Crowd Lines Up Against U. S. Health Plan

Washington.—AFL officials have brought to light a "deal" between the medical profession and insurance companies to gang up on workers in a fight against a federal health insurance plan and liberalized social security program.

So don't be surprised the next time you receive notice from an insurance company that a premium is due if the envelope also includes a load of propaganda from the American Medical Association.

And remember that the money to fight you is coming from that portion of your wages paid to the doctors and the insurance companies for their services.

The medical-insurance deal is revealed in the weekly trade publication, "The Insurance Field," which reported:

"A broad program of cooperation by all branches of the insurance industry with the American Medical Association's campaign against national health insurance is disclosed by AMA's public relations firm, Whitaker & Baxter.

"The program, involving distribution of AMA literature by insurance companies, establishment of speakers' bureaus by insurance industry associations, and utilization of AMA displays and pictorial exhibits has been in the formulation stage for some time but is just beginning to get actively under way.

"AMA's publicists said that 1,500,000 pamphlets explaining the evils of 'socialized medicine' already have been sent to insurance companies for distribution by mail."

AFL experts said that "the other side of the deal is that Whitaker and Baxter have apparently persuaded the board of trustees of the American Medical Association to recommend adoption of a resolution against the House last session.

"In other words, the deal appears to be that the insurance companies, will distribute the Whitaker and Baxter propaganda, and Whitaker and Baxter in return will deliver the American Medical Association over to the foes of social security legislation."

20 and 5 Equal Repeal of T-H

How can trade unionists bring about repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack (D, Mass.) says: "If a minimum of 20 more progressive-minded members are elected to the House and a minimum of five to the Senate, this punitive and discriminatory bill will be repealed in the 82nd Congress."

Private Ins. Is Inferior

(State Fed. Release)

Private insurance programs offering "voluntary" disability protection to the workers of California have been providing less total benefits than the state-sponsored plan, according to statistics released this week by the State Department of Employment.

All American Federation of Labor unionists are now being urged to withdraw from participation in the various private disability systems in accord with the unanimous boycott action of such plans adopted at the 1949 convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Necessary withdrawal forms have already been issued to more than 125,000 AFL workers by the Federation office in San Francisco. The boycott move was taken in response to the ruinous tactics of the insurance lobby during the recent general session of the state legislature during which the private carriers sought to frustrate the true purpose of the disability law.

The Department of Employment comparative survey, which concerns the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, reveals that while the private carriers have been paying an average weekly benefit of \$27.32 as measured against the \$22.28 paid by the state plan, the average number of weeks compensated per spell under private control is only 5.7, or 44 per cent lower than the 10.1 weeks compensated under the state plan.

In addition, the benefits paid per spell of disability under private plans were only \$154.73 or 32 per cent below the average \$227.99 paid under the state system.

Thus, while granting higher weekly benefits, the private carriers have actually given considerably lower total benefits. Also significant is the fact that the reserves available for state plan disability benefits now total \$205.1 million for the approximately 1.2 million workers covered by that operation. Thus, the state offers an average potential "rebate" of \$171 per employee so covered.

ONLY BOSSES BENEFIT Equally large potential rebates may exist under the private plans, but they will be paid, not necessarily to the workers, but often to insurance company stockholders in dividends or to employers in the form of rebates.

Disability plans, state or private, are financed entirely by the workers of California who contribute

one per cent of "their paychecks to the program. Because of this, the California State Federation of Labor has maintained that the working people should receive greater benefits, a position vigorously fought by the insurance lobby which apparently fears a reduction of profit in any liberalizing of the present disability law.

The State Department of Employment comparative survey follows:

California disability benefits paid under state and private plans from June 1948 to June 1949.

Average number of weeks compensated per spell

	State plan	Private plans
1948 3rd quarter	10.3	6.0
4th quarter	10.4	5.7
1949 1st quarter	9.9	5.2
2nd quarter	9.8	5.8
AVERAGE	10.1	5.7

Average benefits per spell

	State plan	Private plans
1948 3rd quarter	\$22.85	\$159.94
4th quarter	23.74	155.30
1949 1st quarter	22.96	143.80
2nd quarter	22.39	159.91
AVERAGE	22.79	154.73

Average weekly benefits

	State plan	Private plans
1948 3rd quarter	\$22.12	\$26.66
4th quarter	22.48	27.25
1949 1st quarter	22.71	27.56
2nd quarter	22.82	27.79
AVERAGE	22.28	27.32

Source: California Department of Employment, Report 1031, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1949.

Better Disability Aid Starts Jan. 1

(State Fed. Release)

California's liberalized state disability program becomes effective January 1, 1950, it was announced this week by the State Department of Employment.

Among the new provisions are: (1) hospitalization benefits of \$8 a day for up to 12 days in a year; (2) elimination of the seven-day waiting period for claimants who are hospitalized. Both wage and hospitalization benefits begin the day the worker enters the hospital.

These amendments to the basic Unemployment Insurance Act were adopted at the 1949 session of the state legislature upon the sponsorship of the California State Federation of Labor. They were adopted over the frantic and bitter opposition of the potent insurance lobby which killed all other liberal amendments to the law.

Overseas Investors Make Large Profits

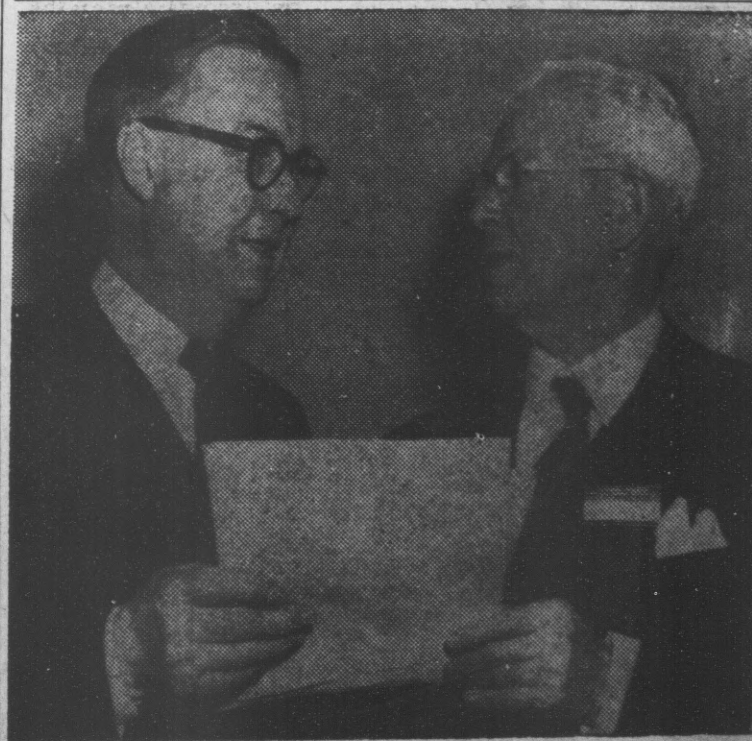
Big bankers have turned thumbs down so far on President Truman's so-called Point IV program to assist "backward" countries via U. S. investments.

They say earnings on foreign investments have to be more attractive than those on domestic investments to produce the capital outlays abroad with which the President wants to speed the development of nations that have not advanced economically.

In the light of Commerce Department figures for 1948 foreign-investment profits, one wonders if the bankers want the whole world with a ribbon around it.

The department reveals that U. S. private investment abroad earned 15 per cent after foreign taxes in 1948.

This Is It! All trade unionists should vote in 1950. Therefore, all trade unionists should register now.



AMA AGAINST AMERICAN PEOPLE—Dr. Elmer L. Henderson (L.) and Pres. Ernest E. Irons of the American Medical Assn. were featured speakers at a 4-day AMA meeting in Washington, D. C. Major topic discussed was how best to fight a national health insurance program.

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LABOR MUST USE BALLOT

Unless the members of organized labor awaken to the necessity of learning to use intelligently their right to vote everything they have gained through their unions is in grave danger of being outlawed.

The Taft-Hartley law is merely a beginning. Undoubtedly the reason so little use is being made of those parts of that law that could be used to weaken and destroy our unions is that those in power today fear the political reaction that might result in the elections of 1950. Hence they remain as inactive as possible till the elections are over.

What big business wants above all things else is a Congress, which not only will not repeal what they consider the essential features of the Taft-Hartley law but which will pass even more destructive anti-labor legislation in order to further enthrone big business as the legally established dictatorship of the United States. Such a government would enslave labor and reduce the masses of our people to poverty and helplessness.

To prevent this from happening every American citizen, whose future prosperity depends on the continued success and prosperity of labor should become aggressively active at once in order to replace those members of the present Congress by others who can be depended upon to vote for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and give labor a fair deal on any other legislation that may be proposed in the Congress to be elected in 1950. We have a big job to do right here in California. Let labor be active from now on to use their ballots effectively in 1950.

LOYALTY TO WHOM?

These are times when the word "loyalty" has been stretched until its meaning has become as pliable as rubber. Like the word "patriotism," when honestly applied to our country and American ideals that contributed so much to establish our land as a free and independent nation, loyalty has a good and lofty primary meaning. But just as patriotism can and often is the "last refuge of a scoundrel," so the word loyalty is being made use of to crucify those who are not in agreement with the powers that be.

When we stop to analyze what really lies back of much of present-day clamor for loyalty to our government what is really meant is a dictatorship of big business, which has been established largely through special legislation, enacted by political groups that have been developed to help enthrone the money power. Organized labor is about the only considerable power that stands in the way of big business to become all powerful, hence it is not surprising that the subservient lackeys of accumulated wealth, who have found their way into our national and state legislative halls, should be enacting legislation to outlaw labor unions.

One of these days labor people are liable to be branded as being disloyal to our form of government and the American way of life, if they have the temerity to advocate the repeal of such anti-labor laws. When it comes to discussing loyalty let us be sure we are clear on the loyalty to whom we are talking about.

DON'T RELY ON INDIVIDUALS

It is a mistake for workers to place their reliance in security for their future by building up arrangements based on the future support that is supposed to be forthcoming from private companies in old age or otherwise. The chief reason this is the wrong place in which to attempt to establish future pensions or whatever long range benefit may be sought to be attained is the insecurity of all business today.

Today a business is solvent. Tomorrow it may be bankrupt and all the future hopes wrapped up in it by all employees, who ever worked there, go up in smoke. To have any benefit system resting upon such an insecure foundation is using shallow judgment in an age when the foundations are already laid for something far better and more dependable.

We have a social security law now that can serve as a foundation to build on. It can and should be broadened to include all workers and those who are in business or professions could be and should be permitted to pay their social security fees in full for themselves no matter in what state they might be living or no matter how frequently they might move from one state to another. Our present law could be made to provide for the payment of \$100 old-age security on smaller fees than are now being collected on an average as withholding tax. Instead of relying on private firms to pay our old-age pensions let us enlarge our present social security law to include all American citizens to net an average pension of \$100 a month. It can be done. Why not do it?

When the voters of a country cast 97 per cent of the registered vote, as they did in Bulgaria, they must be interested.

Bits Of Humor

Sign on a church board: "Come in and have your faith lifted."

From the advertising columns we find a bra ad which reads, "Tops For Today." And another, "Small ice box, ideal for spinster looking for excuse to have iceman call."

We heard about a little labor trouble at one of our burlesque shows. It seems the leading lady asked for her rights and the electrician thought she said "lights."

A shapely girl is like a three ring circus, one doesn't know where to look first.

My niece says, "Spanking is punishing one extremity to teach obedience to the other."

Man made laws may discriminate against women, but nature's laws are certainly all in their favor.

One of today's greatest labor saving devices is tomorrow.

Willie poisoned Father's tea; Father died in agony. Mother looked extremely vexed, "I wonder what he'll think of next?"

It's easy to get to the top of the ladder if you can fight your way through the crowd at the bottom.

Little Willie caught a rat. And it bit him where he sat. Bubonic plague soon set in, "Good-bye, Willie," wailed his kin.

The stork is a bird with enormous bill. That carries babies o'er valley and hill. Then when the doctor is finally through. We learn that he does have enormous bills, too.

A tank of gas and a quart of gin—and all that was left was a pile of tin.

That stenographer's boy-friend has been ambitious ever since he has been knee high.

If you wonder why there is a shortage of Doctors, it's probably because doctors can get enough to retire on merely by indorsing a certain brand of cigarettes.

A preacher called on one of his parishioners—an elderly woman who was deaf. When she expressed regret that she could not hear his sermons, he modestly and sympathetically said:

"Oh, you don't miss much." And she surprised him with:

"So they tell me."

A young woman went to a fortune teller.

"Very shortly," droned the mystic, "you will meet a tall handsome man, who will sweep you off your feet. He will shower you with gifts, take you to breath-taking night spots and the two of you will drink a toast to your everlasting love."

"Has he lots of money?" she asked.

"He is president of a large concern and heir to a million dollars."

"Gosh," she stammered. "Now tell me just one more thing. How do I get rid of my husband and the two children?"

There is only one person more exasperating than a wife who can cook and won't—the wife who can't cook and will.



PRETTY PATTY—Covered in that long evening gown, Patty Neal looks as attractive as any bathing beauty we've ever seen. When she's not posing she's a Hollywood starlet.



"Let's reaffirm our basic philosophy—industry is always right."

Christmas Message

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary
California State Federation of Labor

The Christmas season is a particularly wise time to remind the world that peace on earth shall be achieved only through the effort of men of good will. International harmony and industrial harmony are alike dependent upon such men.

It is the historical purpose of the American Federation of Labor to achieve an orderly society in which economic and social justice shall prevail.

We therefore believe the Christmas season has a special significance for our movement, since we are dedicated to the defense of all who work, of all who toil in fields and stables, of all who wander through the night seeking aid and shelter.

Mindful of this high obligation, we pledge our continued good will and continued energy to accomplish that society which was the dream of the first Christmas—Peace on earth—Justice for all.

Urban Statesmen Slumber

Last week, the 3 millionth Rural Electrification Administration consumer was hooked up to electric power.

It is good to know that the Rural Electrification program, adding about 45,000 new consumers monthly, is moving at its fastest pace in history. A total of 910,000 miles of power lines built with the aid of Government money at 2 per cent interest, are in operation today. Five hundred thousand rural consumers have been added during the current year.

Next year, the farmers will start to get improved telephone service under the rural telephone bill passed this year.

President Truman has pointed out that prior to 1935, when the Government Rural Electrification Act was passed, only 11 per cent of the American farms had electricity. Today, 80 per cent are electrified.

Rural telephone service left to private initiative has been stalled for 29 years. There are no more rural telephones in use today than there were in 1920. The Government is now stepping in with Government money, also at 2 per cent interest, thus eliminating the bankers' financial featherbedding. It is expected that Government activity will get the rural telephone service off of its 29-year dead center.

All of this is a striking lesson for our city Senators and Representatives. In the housing program, for instance, they have happily accepted demands of bankers that home owners must pay interest at the rate of 4½ per cent up.

The cozy arrangement between bankers and the real estate lobby has doubled the rate of interest for home owners for no reason whatsoever.

Supreme Court Says Local Option Rent Law Valid

Washington—The constitutionality of the 1949 federal rent control law was sustained by the Supreme Court recently in a brief order reversing the decision of a lower court. The ruling, unanimous and with Justice William O. Douglas not participating, upset a decision by Judge Elwyn R. Shaw in the Chicago Federal District Court. Judge Shaw had held the law invalid because of "local option" clause allowed states or cities to end or establish their own rent controls.

Judge Shaw construed this as an unconstitutional delegation of power by Congress. He found that it would not have passed the 1949 statute without this "local option" section, and consequently he held the whole act invalid.

The Chicago case arose when the Housing Expediter sued to stop Shoreline Cooperative Apartments, Inc., of that city from evicting tenants of a cooperatively owned apartment house. Under the law, tenants of a cooperative house cannot be evicted unless 65 per cent of them are stockholders. The expediter said that not that many lived in the building.

In appealing the Shoreline case to the Supreme Court, the Department of Justice said that about 14,000,000 housing accommodations remained under rent control in the country.

Tighe E. Woods, Federal Housing Expediter, was elated by the Supreme Court action.

"Under its opinion, the court in effect rules that the housing shortage growing out of the war still exists," he said.

Mr. Woods upheld a ban on rent increases in the Chicago area.

The Cook County Rent Advisory

Yule "Wise Men," Courteous Drivers

Dear Driver:

The Biblical story of the first Christmas tells about the Wise Men who guided their camels by a bright star in the East, to bring rare gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

This Christmas, the "wise men" of 1949 will be those drivers who pilot their vehicles according to the rules of defensive driving, and give courtesy—one of today's rarest gifts.

From now until December 25, the streets will be crowded with pre-occupied, package-laden pedestrians, as well as impatient motorists. Very few of them will be concentrating on pedestrian lanes, traffic lights, or general traffic conditions. With few exceptions, they take it for granted that you will look out for them—that, regardless of circumstances, you will give them the right-of-way.

To qualify as a modern "wise man" you will need to use extra caution everywhere—especially at intersections. When making turning movements through streams of pedestrians, don't forget that they always have the right-of-way—even if there is no traffic light. Failure to observe this suggestion can lead to an unhappy Christmas in two homes—theirs and yours.

The Season's Greetings to you and yours—and be a Wise Man—give courtesy for Christmas!

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Coburn, Dir.
Motor Trans. Bureau.

Board reported it had found that no general increase in maximum rents should take place now, and the Federal Housing Expediter said that the finding "is supported by adequate and substantial evidence."

A Christmas Story

The Carol of Santa Cruz

By KASPER BAUER

Secretary, Butchers' Local 266 and International Organizer
(Reprinted from "The Butcher Workman")

For some twenty-five years, from my home in the heart of the Santa Cruz Mountains, each day I look out upon the wonderful work of nature. I can make my way down a winding path not more than a city block from my fireplace and gaze upon a swift running river, which for countless centuries has been cutting through solid rock, developing a beautiful canyon, a sight for the eyes to behold. Within three minutes' walk from my front porch, I can find myself in the heart of

the California giant redwood trees, some of which were five hundred years old when Christ was born in the stable at Bethlehem. I can look up and all about me view smooth rolling mountains that have always been awe inspiring.

Such naturally would make an old cuss like me, who by his very nature has always been sentimental, a dreamer. Long before my footsteps found their way into the heart of this "God's Country" I had my dreams. As a youngster from Germany, in a sheep herder's wagon in the most lonely spots of Colorado, I would look out upon creation and dream that one day a real brotherhood of man would sweep across the earth. Through-out the day I would watch my sheep and read those books I thought would help not alone me in the struggle of life, but also others in this same struggle. At night I would look out at the stars and listen to the yelp of a hundred coyotes. Their shrill cries never frightened me because I understood that coyotes too were compelled to struggle for an existence. It was not long until I realized that from these first cousins of the wolf, man could learn a terrific lesson. How helpless they were individually, but how powerful they could become when they would combine their forces to make the attack.

I have always felt, therefore, that a dreamer, such as I am, has a place in the world. I can dream about the most unusual things. When I rest my body and prepare for slumberland I can think of something just before my last wink and actually review any important past history event I choose. One has often, in football, heard of the place kicker; in baseball the place hitter, and in horse racing the place bettor. I presume, therefore, that a place dreamer will be considered a curious oddity, but nevertheless, I really can place my dreams.

This is the month of December, the month in which the whole world will give praise to an Infant Child born at Bethlehem and whose teachings, if followed, would make the peoples of the world friendly, cooperative and happy. The serpent of selfishness, however, has always challenged the teachings of the Saviour and as a result the song of life for too many has been a song of misery. I thought, therefore, that I should like to actually review all that I have read about in books and dating back even beyond the time when the oldest of California redwoods dropped its seed only to wait two thousand years before full maturity. Well, I did it. How easy it is to travel back in one's dream. Time and space vanish, you shut your eyes, you are quickly in the land of Nod and three thousand long years pass you by before dawn breaks through the night again.

There were the Children of Israel, in bondage, making brick without straw under a blistering sun. I heard these children cry, "We are naked!" Then the voice of Moses: "Let my people go!"

a voice, a shrill cry that still is heard and will be heard until all cruel masters "Let my people go." From Egypt to Thessalonica is a long way, but I was there. I saw a youth on the green hillside, playing the flute and watching his flock of goats and sheep. It was about noon. Across from him on the road was a band of Roman soldiers—being led by a Centurion, they were making their way in journey to far off Rome. They rested for their midday meal of wheat and water. While eating and resting, they saw the shepherd and his flute. Then in a shrill voice I heard the Centurion cry, "Bring me the player, I like his music."

And the player was seized and brought to the Centurion—brought to be kept, never to be returned to his hills and his flock.

I see him being trained as a gladiator, though a slave, to fight other slaves for the amusement of patricians and nobles. Then I see him, in company with a few other slave gladiators, cut his way out of the arena, reach the city gates, cut down the keepers of the entrance, and finally, as a free man, to make his way to safety on Mt. Vesuvius. All of this I see; the Roman pursuit; the night camp at the foot of the mountain; Spartacus; for that was the name of our hero, with his few followers hidden among the rocks above the sleeping Romans. Then the descent upon the drowsy Romans and their untimely end. From there on I see Spartacus increase his following by freeing the slaves as he makes his way down the foot of the peninsula, which is Italy, Spartacus, the slave, stronger and stronger until Rome trembles.

Then I see his final success de-

nied. Dissension among the freed slaves and their generals. Rome gathering new strength and new armies being sent out to crush the slavish rebellion. Spartacus finally defeated. I look at the sun dial of time. It is marked, "71 years before Christ." Then I read the book of Plutarch and his comment about it, as follows: "Six thousand slaves, who had not found a soldier's death, were crucified on the high road from Capua to Rome."

Now I am at the Sea of Galilee. A group of simple fishermen are mending their nets while a stranger talks to them of a better way of life. He speaks to them in parables, among them the parable of the vineyard: "The worker is worthy of his hire." I see him again in the temple driving the money lenders out of the house of worship. I see him comforting the poor and the sick, and I watch the Roman soldiers nail him to a cruel cross. A dream—Bruno, Galileo, Huss, Copernicus, and many other figures of bygone centuries. Now I find myself in a new aisle and a new vista opens itself to me.

The great peasant revolts, knights in heavy armor on great armored steeds, cutting to ribbons serfs and peasants who, in desperation brought on by misery and hunger, would rather die fighting than longer endure. I see them armed only with scythes, pitchforks and pickaxes, bare their breasts to cruel knights in armor, willing to die in defense of a better life. I hear the voice of a great religious informer saying to these butchers of the poor, "Kill these rebels as you would mad dogs!" And I do see them kill thousands, and they lay dead on the meadows of Franconia.

My dream from a world long past becomes almost a nightmare. First, it was a pleasant sight to see so many ships on the sea in full sail, as though life was a beautiful thing. The clean ocean breath belied all her rigging and from the deck below a foul and putrid smell arises. The smell of death. Another ship appears on the horizon. Its apparent intent is to overtake the ship ahead. The dream is now a nightmare. The first ship is a slave ship, the second one a war ship. Now I see white men, themselves working like slaves, dragging dead, half-dead and able bodied negroes out of the holds of the ship and throwing them overboard—just getting rid of illegal cargo.

Then I saw a new nation arise and a new flag flung proudly to the breeze, the flagstaff set in a block of stone with an inscription carved by steel, "All men are created free and equal."

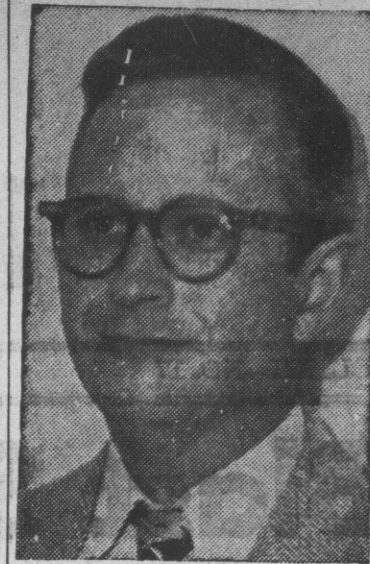
The weight was lifted from my heart and it seemed as if sunshine was breaking through the darkness after a storm, but not for long. Black men and black women were being bought and sold as chattels in the market places of a hundred different cities. They were made to toil in the fields, early and late, sometimes under the master's lash.

I saw Garrison, Phillips, John Brown and Harriet Beecher Stowe—one dragged through the streets by a mob in broadcloth—John Brown's body dangling by the neck. Then I witnessed a great civil war, brother against brother, and heard a tall, gangling, sad-faced man make a speech, "A nation can not endure half slave and half free." I heard him again at Gettysburg, "This nation of the people, for the people, and by the people shall not perish from the earth." And then I saw the same sad-faced man slumped over, a gaping wound in his head at Ford's Theater, Washington, D. C., killed by an assassin's bullet.

Next I saw a statue at the entrance to a great harbor; the gigantic figure of the Goddess of Liberty, who had her feet firmly set on a base bearing golden words, "... Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore—send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

It seems as though I wanted to wake up then, but I slumbered on. I had to see other people, so many that it would not be possible to call them all by name.

A great giant seemed to be stretched out on the ground. He was asleep and around him a crowd of little men danced and made merry. The little men seemed happy. The giant was bound and gagged. They put a sign on the giant's breast—"This is Labor." For a long time the little men seemed to have a great time. Then they left him alone after they tired of their sport of tying him up so that the giant could scarcely move.



AFL CANDIDATE.—Along the coast, from Salinas and Monterey to Ventura and Oxnard, lies the 11th Congressional District, where in the historic voter lethargy of 1946, red-hot Republican Ernie Bramblett slipped into office. Since then he has been doing labor and all liberal causes dirt, like most good Republicans, and voters of the district have awakened. Late in November, Democrats and AFL local political leagues assembled at San Luis Obispo and gave 100 per cent endorsement to a new face in Congress, that of Marion B. Walker, a farmer from Ventura County, who possesses all the qualifications needed for a sincere, capable congressman. All California labor wishes him well and will look forward to his election.

A few men came along—working men. They whispered to each other, "This giant was tied up unjustly and we ought to be brave enough to do something about it." So they started to loosen him. The first rescuers were from a band of "radicals" who called themselves the Knights of Labor. Then came another group to aid in the struggle who called themselves the American Federation of Labor. Then another group came along to offer help, the I.W.W., and finally came the C.I.O. The Knights of Labor got tired and quit, as did the I.W.W. Then I saw those of the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. fighting in the streets, with victory within their grasp. At last the giant was made free! He had his strength. He had his unions about him, even though they were not solidified.

I opened my eyes and light was shining through my window. My look at three thousand bygone years was in the dream behind me. I opened my bedroom door and a young deer stared at me. He did not run away because he knew I would bring him food. A few snowflakes brushed my cheeks and it all felt so refreshing. A wild quail flew on my shoulder, it knew I wouldn't harm it. I glanced down the mountain roadway and saw smoke curling from the chimney of my log cabin neighbor, and then, faintly, I heard his voice calling a friendly "Hello-o-o." I was consoled as I looked about, and suddenly I realized that the spirit of the hills was breathing with the spirit of Christmastime. All about me stood my gorgeous mountains, the Santa Cruz, majestic, strong and unyielding.

I wandered about, and from the roadside, I looked back on my little home—my castle—with a wish that every worker, too, could have such security in his own name. A carpenter arrived to do some repair work for me on my garage. He said his name was Joseph. He wore a beard and as he passed me it added something more to the spirit of the season. Bethlehem was the least bit closer to me. It seemed as though my hills were singing. Here was peace, here was quiet and friendliness, where each day brought forth a new beauty to look upon.

I returned to my home; there were embers in the fireplace from the night before. I placed another log on the fire and soon the blaze was roaring. I turned on my radio and heard a boys' choir from a church in Santa Cruz singing the Christmas carol, "O, Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant." I seated myself in an easy chair and had a feeling that the Master was appealing to the faithful toilers of the world to be joyful and triumphant in the unity and power that is theirs for the asking. Truly, I listened to carol of Santa Cruz.

Move Up Pay Day

New York.—Striking at "loan sharks" operating among longshoremen in need of money while waiting for pay day, the AFL International Longshoremen's Association has won an agreement with New York shipping and stevedoring companies to pay employees represented by the union on Friday for all work performed up to 6 p.m. the preceding Tuesday. Heretofore the Friday pay only included work up to midnight the previous Sunday.

Cut Gift Parcel Post

Washington.—The Economic Cooperation Administration announced a reduction in parcel post rates to 6 cents per pound for gift relief packages shipped by individuals in the United States to friends and relatives in France, Greece, western Germany, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Italy and Trieste.

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LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
GAROLD F. MILLER, Secretary

Donation of \$20 to the Salinas chapter of the Salvation Army for use in the organization's Christmas program for the needy and underprivileged was voted by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County at the December 9 meeting in Salinas.

At this meeting it was reported also that a committee had approached Superintendent of Schools Ching in regard to a council protest against discrimination by the school department in regard to teachers who belong to the AFL Teachers Union. Mr. Ching reportedly informed the committee that the communication placed the school board in an unjust position and therefore had not been answered.

Members of Office Employees Union 29 of Oakland have approved the new contract covering office workers employed by Stone & Webster Corp. at the P.G.&E. construction job. A contract is being drawn for signature.

Office Employees Union 94 of San Jose reportedly is unionizing office workers in union offices at Salinas.

Reports by the council delegates included:

Bill Cruthers, of Plumbers 503, reported on attending the Governor's Conference on Employment.

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Labor Gained During 1949

(AFL Release)

Washington—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told the 16th Annual Conference on State Labor Legislation that "we have better than held our own during the past year."

He suggested some legislative goals for 1950 and the conference promptly adopted a program urging again repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, liberalizing of unemployment compensation and establishment of a federal labor extension service.

Mr. Tobin pledged the support of President Truman's administration to those objectives. The conference: 1. Unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming the action of the 1948 conference "in vigorously" urging repeal of the Labor-Management Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act of 1947 and all state legislation detrimental to the rights of organized workers.

2. Strongly endorsed legislation now pending in Congress for the establishment of a Labor Extension Service in the Department of Labor which would provide information, education and research facilities in the interest of fair and sound labor-management relations.

3. Declared its "vigorous" support of a bill now pending in Congress which would require that private employment agencies register with the Secretary of Labor and that their schedule of fees and other activities be regulated.

4. Recommended that states not yet having adequate legislation be strongly urged to enact laws which will prohibit industrial homework or provide for its gradual elimination through regulation.

5. Requested that regional conferences recently sponsored by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics in North Carolina and in Wisconsin be extended to all regions of the country to further the development of state labor statistics programs.

6. Urged that all states providing weekly maximum benefits under workman compensation laws increase such benefits to at least \$40 a week and that all states not now providing full coverage of occupational diseases adopt such legislation. It further recommended the promotion and development of rehabilitation centers in each state.

Lumbermen Vote 94% for Union!

Overwhelming votes in favor of the union have been recorded in two union shop elections recently conducted by NLRB at lumber plants in the northern area, according to Bro. Roy Walker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern California District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL.

At the Mason & Hager Lumber Company plant in Quincy, Local Union 2862 won the union shop ballot by a score of 19 to nothing, slightly unanimous opinion about the value of being organized into an AFL union.

At the Lassen Lumber and Box Company plant in Susanville, the vote for Local Union 2790 was 161 "yes" and 10 "no," which is up around 94 per cent, about the same percentage that all of the thousands of unnecessary union shop elections across the U. S. have shown, elections caused by the Taft-Hartley law and costing the taxpayers some \$15 million to prove a point already well-known—that the overwhelming majority of American wage-earners desire and will demand a union and a union shop.

Pennsylvania Faces Hardest Campaign

Harrisburg, Pa.—James L. McDevitt, chairman of Pennsylvania's Labor League for Political Education, says labor faces its hardest political campaign in 1950.

"The 1950 campaign will be harder fought than any campaign in the history of politics in the commonwealth," he said. "Every effort will be made to assure a victory for labor in 1950."

He said the 1949 election results "indicated that the liberal forces supported by the Pennsylvania Federation's political league scored major victories throughout the commonwealth."

Mr. McDevitt said that liberal issues, such as social security, health insurance and housing, will be the principal consideration of informed voters.

"The issues are clear and the people are aware of them," he said. "The 1949 election indicated that the citizens of the commonwealth are not going to stand by and allow the candidates to be elected by default."

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Let us hope that in the political year of 1950 we remove from office the last stronghold of a reactionary Congressman, and U. S. Senators who have been representing special groups rather than the nation as a whole. We can look back and learn from our mistakes and apply those experiences to good advantage in 1950.

Your Union has made progress and will continue to make progress, working for its members in procuring wages, hours and conditions of employment commensurate with the ability of the employer to pay.

In line with that, it is most important that good citizenship goes hand in hand with good unionism; our members are first, last and always good citizens. This union has continually followed the policy and principles of the American Federation of Labor. Here in this area, we have a dual union that is LOADED in the official staff with communists. We will continue to fight that type of organization so long as it carries with it, and supports members who believe in communism. Remember we are AMERICANS FIRST and unionists second.

With that, we again wish to extend to all of our members BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS. We wish to extend best wishes for the New Year to this paper

Ohio, Indiana, South Schedule Gompers' Rallies

Washington.—Harry O'Reilly, AFL director of organization, announced that state federation of labor are setting January dates for Samuel Gompers Memorial Organizing rallies in the drive for 1,000,000 new AFL members in 1950.

Ohio will hold its rally Jan. 21 and 22 in Columbus. Indiana will meet Jan. 28 and 29 in Indianapolis. Southern states are setting dates to follow consecutively after each other in line with the recommendations of the successful 14-state southern organizing conference held in New Orleans.

The organizing rallies are the opening features of the Samuel Gompers Centennial Year to be observed throughout 1950 by the American Federation of Labor in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founder and first president of the AFL.

The year will open with a national Gompers Memorial Dinner at Hotel Statler, Washington, on Jan. 5, in advance of the January 27 birthday of Mr. Gompers.

The 1,000,000 member organizing drive is linked in with efforts of AFL's Labor League for Political Education to elect a liberal Congress in the 1950 campaign.

Union Label Show Grows 50 Per Cent

Washington.—Good relations is one of the important goals of the fifth AFL Union Industries Show which is scheduled for May 6-13 in Convention Hall at Philadelphia. The 1950 show will be 50 percent larger than the 1949 show in Cleveland, which was 60 percent larger than the previous one held in Milwaukee.

The unique exhibition is sponsored by the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the department, acts as director of the show. American consumers will get a big thrill when they see the only exhibition of its kind and the greatest labor-management show on earth.

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Union Must Keep Active Politically

Here's some good advice from President Albert M. Witzling of the Omaha Federation of Labor: "Every organized worker must be made to realize that political action is just as important as union action... one without the other will get us nowhere."

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BUTCHERS 508 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 8810. Sec., Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-7357. Rec. Sec., B. J. Holman, 16 E. Chualar, Mont. 8436. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, phone 5-8441.

CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Frank A. Lawrence, Sec., Geo. L. Rice, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 4745. Main office, 274 E. Main St., San Francisco 3, Underhill 3-0393. Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Light House Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 3715.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR-C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 424 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone Sutter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh St., San Mateo, phone 6745. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 4745.

CARPENTERS 1232—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 5886. Bus. Rep., Fred S. Miller, phone 4745. Office at Carpenters Hall, phone 6726.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 1035. Sec., Fred S. Miller, 4745. Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7522.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 10:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336. Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, Bus. Agt., Leroy Hanna, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336.

ENGINEERS (San Jose)—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas, Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby, 1000 N. 1st St., Salinas, phone 885-M. Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 885-M. Office, 300 N. 1st St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1123.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters, phone 4276. Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 8154. Bus. Agt., Les Evers, 424 Marina, phone 6745. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 8571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 8 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lily St., Sec. and Bus. Agt., Chas. Trivello, 628 Lily St., Monterey, phone 4745. Office, 243 Alvarado St., phone 3128.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Pres., Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave., phone 9549. Sec.-Treas., and Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 12, Monterey, phone 315 Alvarado, phone 6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 404 Port Ave., Monterey, phone 4820. Bus. Agt., 404 Port Ave., Monterey, phone 4820.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 132—Meets 2nd Friday, 1 p.m. at Monterey Bartenders Hall, Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5545. Sec., Doris Lutz, 404 Port Ave., Monterey, phone 4820.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall, Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Bill Gray, 257 8045; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 236 Alvarado St., phone 9265. Sec., Don R. Foster, 140 1st Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6166.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2278—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. at Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Fred G. Zahner, P. O. Box 592, Seaside, phone 9213. Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 6832. Bus. Agt., Art Hamill, 1034 Hillman, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, 1034 Hillman, Monterey, phone 4745.)

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m. at Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Paul Mason, Carmel, phone 2712. Sec., Edward Weiner, 20 Via Lancia, Monterey, phone 2-1310. Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 424 Marina, phone 6745.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1228—Meets every other month, P. M. P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Room 6, P. O. Bldg., Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, phone 9213. Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 6832. Bus. Agt., Art Hamill, 1034 Hillman, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, 1034 Hillman, Monterey, phone 4745.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, p.m. Pres., Donald King, 109 E. Birch, Monterey, phone 3014. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 2126.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 611—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalb, Box 250, Boulder Creek, phone 3126. Sec., Dave Green, P. O. Box 384, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Bartenders Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 8535. Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St., Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 4745.

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"Do you really think so? We were afraid that we'd merely got used to it."

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14,000 in Cal. AFL Unions Get 6c Raise

(State Release)

Wage increases amounting to an average of 6 cents an hour were won by some 14,000 AFL union members in California during the month of November, according to reports filed with labor newspapers throughout the state.

The survey follows:

BUILDING TRADES
Painters No. 1104 (Glaziers), Salinas, AND employers: 8 cents, and time and a half for Saturday work; 12-15-49; about 40 workers.

CLERKS
Council of Department Store Employees, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Retailers Council: (1) Clerks, non-selling, 6 1/4 cents; commissioned, 8 1/2 cents; retroactive to 9-1-49; 3000 union members covered; (2) warehousemen, 10 cents; retroactive to 6-1-49 for general warehousemen and to 8-1-49 for furniture warehousemen; 350 workers; (3) building service, 9 cents, of which 6 cents is retroactive to 3-1-49 and 3 cents to 8-1-49; 11-49; 300 workers.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Tom Miller, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 338 San Benito, Salinas 6716. Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9263.

CARPENTERS 1272 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., Floyd Hill, Sec., A. W. Virgil, 411 S. Santa Ana, phone 9263. 694W; office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert, 1228 N. Ave. 8, phone 5187. Sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, Alton Rd., phone 21156. Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9263.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., G. Kenyon, 274 E. Alisal, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Monterey Labor Temple, Pres., Alan Meeks, Sec., Bertha Boles, Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursdays, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745. Pres., Louis Vistalli, 684 Terrace St., Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, 1000 N. 1st St., Salinas, phone 885-M. 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Fred S. Miller, 4745. Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7522.

ENGINEERS (Stationary)—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. F. Clich, Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 885-M. Main office, 300 N. 1st St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1123.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the night of the moon, 1st Monday, Sec., Bill Gray, 257 8045; Bus. Agt., Theo. Thompson, 628 Lily St., Monterey, phone 4745.

FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLE WORKERS UNION 912—Meets 1st Monday, Salinas Women's Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Harriet Day, Sec., Ethel Alcorn, Office, 28 E. Market St., phone 9113.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Bertha Boles, phone 6209. Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday, at 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Fred S. Miller, 4745. Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7522. 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 404 Port Ave., Monterey, phone 4820. Bus. Agt., 404 Port Ave., Monterey, phone 4820.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Steves, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacKintosh, 1401 Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4745.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Kephart, 133 Ave. 8, Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., Bill Gray, 257 8045; Bus. Agt., Theo. Thompson, 628 Lily St., Monterey, phone 4745.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2278—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 211 Webster St., Oakland, Pres., John J. Webster, 2222 Occidental, Sec., John Johnson, 463 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone Olympic 3-7020.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., John J. Webster, 2222 Occidental, Sec., John Johnson, 463 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone Olympic 3-7020.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Nicholas Christler, 302 Lincoln St., Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., R. Pendergast, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Wm. A. Fari, Fin. Sec., R. E. Bennett, 2222 Occidental, Sec., Albert Evers, 35 Spring, 4577. Rec. Sec., Robt. Larsen, 515 East St., phone 5523. Ed. meets each Wednesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Post Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Elmer W. Gipe, 1236 Circle Dr., phone 5102. Sec., H. C. Schiele, 638 El Camino, 1027 Madison, phone 2126.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'n.)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 550 Colton, Monterey, phone 4745. Sec., R. Meders, 151 Torro Ave., Salinas, phone 4938.

RETAIL CLERKS 838—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vistalli, 12 Glenview Court, phone 6524. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold Miller, 212-19th St., Pacific Grove, phone 3130. Office, Rm. 3, Glendora Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas, Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216. Sec., Dave Green, P. O. Box 384, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

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GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma, Sec., Peter A. Andrade, Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0437. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 8745.

TYPING CLERKS 543—Meets 1st Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres., D. R. Harrison, Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 757.

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"As yourself, wouldn't it be better for all of us to pay a little each month of our working lives so that a sudden family medical tragedy didn't have to be family bankruptcy as well?"

"The average American wants to pay his bills . . . he doesn't want free 'socialized medicine'. He doesn't want charity."

"That's right. Americans want—and need—national health insurance."



TIGHT SQUEEZE—What goes on should come off, 20-month-old Philip Burrows probably thought as he slipped his "toidy seat" over his head and let it fall to his shoulders. But he was wrong. Neither his mommy nor the neighbors could remove it. The Los Angeles fire department did the job with a saw.

British Building Trades Are Opposed to Incentive Pay

London.—One of the oldest ways of providing workers with a strong incentive to increase their production is some system of payment by results. At a time when Britain is engaged in a great effort to raise output, in order to safeguard and improve the standard of living of her people, it is pertinent to inquire into the extent to which incentive wage systems prevail.

Some of Britain's basic industries, like coal-mining and textiles, have been traditionally piecework industries. They began that way, and the struggle of the trade unions was usually directed toward negotiating uniform price-lists as a safeguard against the competitive cutting of piece-work prices by individual employers. Apart from textiles, in shipbuilding, in iron and steel manufacture, in some of the minor metal trades, and the boot and shoe industry and in certain sections of hosiery and tailoring, standardized piece-rates became the rule. Only in coal-mining, because of the wide variations in physical conditions at different collieries, was no attempt made to negotiate uniform lists; the unions sought instead to provide a common floor to earnings by minimum and basic rates of wages.

In contrast the traditional attitude of Britain's craft unions in the woodworking, engineering and shipbuilding industries was one of opposition to any system of payment by results. This was due partly to the natural dislike of craftsmen to rushing a job at the possible cost of good workmanship. But much of the work in which they were engaged was either extremely varied, requiring a separate piece-work bargain in relation to each job, or else carried with it the difficulty of measuring the work performed by one individual within what was essentially a group activity. In either case there was a fear that payment by results would break down the sense of solidarity which the unions had built up.

Technical development, and the growing subdivision and standardization of operations which it involved, gradually brought about a change in union attitude, and World Wars I and II helped to accelerate the process. This came first in the engineering industries. The most recent figures, provided by an employers' inquiry, show that in January, 1948, more than two-thirds of the workers employed in the engineering industries (excluding laborers) were on payment by results and less than one-third on time-work. Even in such a skilled trade as pattern-making, the production was about half-and-half.

The general attitude of the unions towards piecework depends greatly on the extent to which they can control its operation and protect their members against rate-cutting and speeding-up. The engineering unions were strong enough to negotiate what have become the typical safeguards in collective agreements relating to payment by results. The first of these safeguards is the guarantee of a minimum rate below which earnings are not allowed to fall. The second provides that piecework prices shall be fixed so as to allow a workman of average ability to earn not less than a certain minimum percentage above the time rate. These percentages vary in different industries; they are as low as 4 per cent in sections of the clothing industry and as high as 37 1/2 per cent in boot and shoe manufacture, but recently negotiated agreements mostly provide for a figure of 20 or 25 per cent. The third type of guarantee which the unions have sought to include

Great Water Hunt in State

Year's end finds the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in the midst of the most far-reaching building program for water conservation ever undertaken in northern California, according to Acting Regional Director Robert S. Calland of Region II, which embraces the area between the Oregon border and the Tehachas.

The regional Reclamation program so far approved by the Congress is now about 40 per cent accomplished and substantial benefits are showing up in the Klamath area and portions of the Central Valley, Calland said.

Between now and 1956, Bureau buildings are scheduled to complete authorized dams, canals, power houses, transmission lines, pumping plants, and other works calling for additional expenditures in the seven-year period of almost 400 million dollars.

The money to build these works, Calland pointed out, is not a Government handout but a capital investment. All of these dollars, except for the non-reimbursable amount contributed by the Government for navigation and flood control will be returned to the Federal Treasury from water and power revenues.

In addition, the history of other reclamation projects shows that new taxable wealth created in the communities served amounts to several times the investment in project works.

Of this large investment in the next seven years, Calland added, roughly one-third will go into on-site labor, estimated at about 110 million man-hours. For every person employed on the construction site, two or three workers are required elsewhere to provide necessary materials, equipment, transportation, and other services.

The biggest job in the program is the Central Valley Project and will include those American River works authorized by Bureau construction by the last Congress—the Folsom powerplant, transmission lines and switchyards, and the Sly Park unit consisting of a storage dam, diversion works, and conduit. The CVP budget for the next seven years totals slightly under a quarter of a billion dollars.

Other projects to be completed in the seven-year Region II program are the Klamath Project, the Santa Barbara Project, the Soledad Project, and irrigation distribution systems in the San Joaquin Valley.

One of the noticeable wartime problems created by the further spread of piecework among engineering workers was the tendency for the earnings of semi-skilled workers engaged on such work to rise well above those of highly skilled men employed on maintenance or other work which could only be paid at ordinary time rates. From this point of view bonus systems which relate the earnings of all classes of workers in a particular factory to output are to be preferred. At present such systems are being introduced more extensively. One example is described in Target (April, 1949) — the monthly bulletin on productivity which is published by Britain's government. The firm concerned makes structural forgings and castings for ships, i.e., multiple type products. After experiments undertaken with the cooperation of the workers, they settled on a scheme, which now covers more than 96 per cent of the men employed. A monthly bonus, increasing steeply with every 2 1/2 per cent increase in production, is paid into a pool, and this is shared among all productive workers who work a full working week.

The industry in which a strong opposition on the part of the workers to piecework has been maintained is building. The technical difficulty of measuring individual effort is great in the case of this industry. But the unions have also had to oppose persistent demands for a piecework system, which has a bad practice of some employers to subcontract for labor only to a piecework master, who only paid the gang he employed at the time rate.

During World War II, however, a payment by results scheme was introduced into the building industry in the government's initiative. A bonus became payable when output exceeded fixed targets as an addition to prevailing hourly rates of pay. This arrangement ceased to operate in March, 1947, but later in the year the employers and unions represented on the National Joint Council for the Building Industry agreed to try out a new system of payment by results for an experimental period of two years. Under this scheme an employer may initiate an incentive system of bonus payments, providing it is agreed to by the employees concerned and gives a worker of average ability a reasonable opportunity to earn 20 per cent more than his ordinary time rate.

The unions oppose this scheme because it leads to too many arguments and lower standards of craftsmanship. Opinion is divided, but it must be regarded as doubtful whether any system of payment by results can become a permanent feature of this industry.

Auto Workers Give Sick Members Checks
Cleveland.—United Automobile Workers Local 294 of the AFL voted to send Christmas checks of \$25 each to workers at the Cleveland Hardware plant who have been out of work because of sickness.

The Union Label, Shop Card, and Button are the best three-way cure for a cold war on depressions.

Local 483 Reports

Preparations for the Christmas "Open House" party, to be held at our union hall on Friday, December 23rd, are nearing completion. All members are urged to drop in between noon and nine in the evening, and to bring their children in also for a Christmas stocking.

Dorothy Leitz and her committee of gals have been busy making up the Christmas stockings, assembling the candy and nuts with which to fill them, and arranging with a number of our members for donations of cookies, etc., for the party. The Christmas tree has been purchased, fireproofed, and is all ready for Emily Del Femine to go to work on. Emily is the gal who has volunteered to be principal tree decorator this year . . . she's even furnishing most of the decorations from her own home. That is REALLY fine co-operation!

"Frosty" Ward is chairman of the men's committee, and has already made considerable progress in assembling some good liquid refreshments for the adults who attend the open house. A variety of refreshments are planned, including Tom and Jerries, Hot Buttered Rum, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and soft drinks for the children. This promises to be a well attended and happy Christmas Party!

Please remember to bring along an extra quarter or half dollar when you attend the party. Unfortunately, we have a number of members who are not so well situated during this holiday season, and it will be fitting for our organization to remember them. Four of our friends are hospitalized now, and they especially will appreciate a remembrance from their fellow workers in the union.

Td like to use this medium to express my sincere thanks to all of you members who have sent holiday greetings to the union office. Dozens and dozens of Christmas Cards have arrived during the past couple of weeks from members of our union, and in addition many more have come in from brothers and sisters who have transferred to other locals in the country. It is very pleasant to find so many friendly greetings in the daily mail, and your office staff is most appreciative.

On behalf of Office Secretary

"Let 'Em Die"
The New York State Journal of Medicine last August 15 took this tact in its fight against national health insurance:

"We readily admit that under it (the present system) a certain number of cases of early tuberculosis and cancer, for example, may go undetected."

"Is it not better that a few such should perish than that the majority of the population should be encouraged on every occasion to run sniveling to the doctor?"

No. It's better that the doctors do their best to cure the cases of tuberculosis and cancer than be encouraged on every occasion to run sniveling about national health insurance to their local medical societies.—(LLPE)

Small Tractor Cleans Big Pipeline Trench
(State Division Release)
The installation of a section of the mammoth pipe line, destined to bring natural gas from Texas and New Mexico to the Bay Area, has of course brought its problems. Plans included excavation with a large trenching machine capable of cutting a trench approximately 3 feet wide and 6 feet deep in one pass.

Men are not required in the trench itself for pipe-laying work, since the steel pipe sections are assembled and welded together above ground. However, trenching machines usually leave some loose chunks of earth which must be removed or broken up before the pipe can be lowered. If men were to go into the trench to carry on this clean-up work, shoring and bracing for their protection would be a requirement under California regulations. Pipe-line engineers proposed, instead, to crush the earth chunks with a cylindrical roller pulled along the trench floor by a tractor small enough to operate inside the trench. Division engineers readily accepted the plan, since it practically eliminated the necessity for workers to enter the trench. As an additional precaution, the Division required metal shields on each side of the tractor, to protect the operator from earth that might roll in from the side.

This method will, it is expected, eliminate many hours of hazardous exposure that would otherwise have been necessary.

AFL Delegation Home
Washington.—George P. Delaney, AFL international representative, was the first of the AFL delegation to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to return to headquarters but AFL President William Green and other members of the group were due back by Dec. 16.

Delaney told a group of Dutch trade unionists on a visit to AFL headquarters that the London meeting establishing a new anti-communist world federation of organized labor was "highly successful."

Irish Freedom
Reactionary Senators and Representatives and editors carrying on the "Back-to-Hoover" campaign against what they call "statism" have something new to worry about. The Irish Parliament, by a vote of 74 to 59, has agreed to nationalize Ireland's railroad system. Why not export Senator Taft to Dublin to explain to the Irish that they have lost their freedom?

Local 483 Reports